

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Fox et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated March 29, 1999 (Paper No. 11) a shortened statutory period for response was set, ending June 29, 1999. A request for a two (2) month extension of time and the filing of a continuation application accompanies this preliminary amendment.

**AMENDMENTS**

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

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